

Grant Resources

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

[<http://www.cfda.gov>]

The Catalog (CFDA), published twice a year by the General Services Administration (GSA), describes some 1,400 federal grants and non-financial assistance programs administered by the departments and agencies of the federal government. It helps users identify programs that meet specific objectives of applicant projects and is intended to improve coordination and communication between the federal government and state and local applicants for federal assistance.

Catalog Indexes and Listings (GSA)

[<http://www.cfda.gov/public/faprs.htm/>]

Although keyword searching is often a good place to start, also browse by broad subject, by federal department or agency, or by recipient category to identify more federal funding programs. The Health and Human Services (HHS) indexes to the CFDA program descriptions provide direct links to program sections, to local and regional federal office addresses where applicable, to related programs, and to Office of Management and Budget circulars.

- Search by keyword (GSA)
- Broad subject or topic index (HHS)
- Target or beneficiary group index (HHS)
- Programs listed alphabetically (HHS)
- Programs by federal department (HHS)
- Programs by independent and other agencies (HHS)

Developing and Writing Grant Proposals (CFDA)

[<http://www.cfda.gov/public/cat-writing.htm>]

Guidance in formulating federal grant applications, including initial proposal development, basic components of a proposal, review recommendations, and referral to federal guidelines and literature.

Federal Agency Contacts in Region/State (CFDA Appendix IV)

[<http://www.cfda.gov/public/cat-app4-index.htm>]

Much of the federal grant budget moves to the states through formula and block grants -- state, regional, and local federal offices often handle grants applications and funds disbursement. Each federal agency has its own procedures: if the CFDA program description refers to a state or regional Information Contact as listed in Appendix IV, constituents/applicants should contact the federal department or agency office listed here before applying for funding to obtain the most up-to-date information.

State Single Points of Contact (CFDA)

[<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/cfda/ispocs.htm>]

Under Federal Executive Order 12372 of 1962, federal grants applicants may be required to submit a copy of their application for state government level review and comment. The state offices listed here coordinate government (both federal and state) grants development and provide guidance to grants seekers.

CFDA in Print, CD-ROM, and Disk (Government Printing Office, GSA)

[<http://www.cfda.gov/public/cat-order.htm>]

- Copies of the printed Catalog are distributed to all House and Senate offices by the General Services Administration (202) 501-0563; an additional copy for district and state offices may be requested.

- The printed Catalog is available to the public in local depository libraries.

- Print, CD-ROM and diskette formats of the Catalog may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (print) or the General Services Administration (CD-ROM or diskette).

Official Federal Government Web Sites

[<http://lcweb.loc.gov/global/executive/fed.html>]

To better develop a grant proposal, search a department or agency's Home Page to learn more about its programs and objectives. Some government departments or agencies have Web pages specifically designed for grantseekers (see below).

Federal Benefits and Grants

[<http://www.cfda.gov/federalcommons/>]

Part of a federal Web site with one-stop access to all online US government resources. This section groups programs by broad subject categories.

U.S. Business Advisor

[<http://www.business.gov/>]

Small Business Administration Web page intended to provide business with one-stop access to federal government information, services, and transactions. Covers business development, laws and regulations, international trade, workplace issues, and buying and selling.

U.S. State and Local Gateway

[<http://www.statelocal.gov/>]

Web site developed to give state and local governments easy access to federal government information. Includes federal partnership programs links for States, City Management, Counties, Legislatures, Governors, Cities, and Mayors.

U.S. Government Non-profit Gateway

[<http://www.nonprofit.gov/index.html>]

Links to federal department and agency information and services to assist non-profit organizations. Examples:

- USDA Nonprofit Gateway
- Small Business Administration
- Education: Funding Opportunities
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Health and Human Services GrantsNet
- Housing and Urban Development: Funding
- Interior Department Nonprofit Gateway
- Justice Department Community Support and Grants
- Labor Department Nonprofit Information Gateway
- National Institute of Health Grants
- Transportation: Grants Information & Policy

Federal Register (National Archives)

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html]

The Federal Register, printed each business day, publishes updates and notices affecting federal assistance programs. Scroll down to check current year; scroll down further to enter Catalog program number, or subject/keyword "AND CFDA" in Search Terms box.

Today's Federal Register & Archives (Grantsmanship Center)

[<http://www.tgci.com/resources/federal/ffed.html>]

Under section Today's Federal Register, gives current day's grants announcements, department and agency announcements of grant application review meetings, grant awards, deadlines, requests for comments on agency procedures, new rule reminders, and special events. The Federal Register Archives section includes grant announcements going back one year: search by keyword/subject "AND 2001" for notices updating the latest Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Notices of Funding Availability (via Department of Agriculture)

[<http://ocd.usda.gov/nofa.htm>]

Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) are announcements that appear in the Federal Register inviting applications for federal grant programs. This page allows you to generate a customized listing of NOFAs by date, by broad subject terms, or by Department/Agency.

OMB Grants Management Web Site (Office of Management & Budget)

[<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/index.html>]

OMB establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB Circulars are cited in Catalog program descriptions: some program descriptions on the Internet version of the Catalog link directly to OMB Circulars required for program management, others just give OMB Circular numbers which may then be printed from this Web site.

Private & Corporate Funding Sources

The Foundation Center

[<http://www.foundationcenter.org/>]

Gateway to information about private funding sources (including national, state, community, and corporate foundations), the grantseeking process, guidelines on writing a grant proposal, addresses of state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites. The Center maintains a comprehensive database on foundations, produces print, Web and CD-ROM directories and guides, conducts research and publishes studies in the field, and offers a variety of training and educational seminars.

- Online Orientation: the Grantseeking Process

- User-friendly Guide to Funding Research and Resources Beginning Your Research, Giving to Individuals, The Proposal Process, Information Resources.

- Proposal Writing Online "Short Course" on developing a good grant proposal.
- Foundation Finder Search by name for address and basic information about the more than 61,000 private and community foundations in the U.S. Includes links to IRS filings and foundation Web sites.
- Web Sites of Community Foundations (by state)
- Web Sites of Private Foundations, with subject and geographic indexes
- Web Sites of Corporate Grantmakers, with subject and geographic indexes
- Foundation Center Cooperating Collections, listings by state Free funding information centers in libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit resource centers that provide a core collection of Foundation Center publications and a variety of supplementary materials and services in areas useful to grantseekers.

The Grantsmanship Center (TGCI)

[<http://www.tgci.com/>]

In addition to useful links to government resources, this site includes information on community foundations and international funding. Community Foundations (by state) are often particularly interested in local projects and maintain diverse grants programs. TGCI also offers publications, training and workshops in proposal writing, grantsmanship, and fundraising for nonprofit organizations and government.

After School Program Resources

[<http://www.afterschool.gov/cgi-bin/home.pl>]

Comprehensive listings of government funds available for recreational, developmental, and education after school programs. Also contains information on starting programs, developments in the field, and planning activities.

Alameda County Office of Education Grants Resource Center

[<http://www.alameda-coe.k12.ca.us/apps/page.asp?Q=389>]

Alameda County organization that provides resources for the grant search and application process. Hayward facility maintains an extensive database of available grants, and is available to the public by appointment. Call Judy Echeandia at (510) 670-4223 for an appointment

San Francisco Foundation Center

[<http://www.fdncenter.org/sanfrancisco/>]

Independent national service organization established by foundations to provide an authoritative source of information on foundation and corporate giving. The San Francisco reference collection offers a wide variety of services and comprehensive collections of information on foundations and grants.

